

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 6 November 2018
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes from October 2018. Approved as amended.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Email from Robert Annese regarding 17 Brantwood Road.
 - b. Message regarding request for a sign hearing for 474 Massachusetts Avenue.
 - c. Message received for cancellation of hearing for 40 Newcomb Street
 - d. Message from Doug Heim regarding Arlington High School decision.
 - e. Message from Bob Sprague regarding Arlington High School decision.
 - f. Message from Kirsti Allison Ampe asking if there will be a discussion about the Arlington High School project at our meeting on November 6.
 - g. Communication from Julie Moscatel. Wants to feature a photo of the Arlington High School in her publication. Ms. Robinson found three digital photographs on the Commonwealth website. Commissioners will choose one to submit.
 - h. Message from Jim Feeney about installing temporary CPA signage regarding funding for the project for a month or two or until the project is complete.
 - i. Message regarding installation of a new back door at 5 Brookdale Road. No hearing is required.
 - j. Request for sign off demolition for 15 Kensington Road. Sign off sent to the Building Department.
 - k. Request for sign off for 55 Eustis Street. Sign off sent to the Building Department.
 - l. Request from Rick Vallarelli for CONA form. Referred to Arlington Historic District Commission.
 - m. Message from owner of 39 Westmoreland Avenue for CONA certificate. Forwarded to the Arlington Historic District Commission.
 - n. Message from Ron Buck regarding 21 Teel Street. Informal hearing planned for November 6 meeting.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Nothing to report.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Thursday, November 29, 2018. Native American Archeology and Culture. Ellen Berkland and Faries Gray. Co-sponsored with Cyrus E. Dallin. To observe Native American Heritage Month, learn how indigenous people thrived in our area for thousands of years, and about the Massachusetts tribe or Ponkapoag's work today to preserve and share its culture, language, and traditions.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
 - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Accepting applications in December.
 - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) – Looking at inventoried areas and individual houses.

Historical Commission FY 2019 Budget- Nothing to report.

5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:

- a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
- b. 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- c. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
- d. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
- e. 12 Schouler Court 11/17 1 year demolition delay.
- f. 418 Massachusetts Avenue 11/17- Stange- Nothing to report.
- g. 65 Hillside Avenue 1/18- Robinson- Nothing to report.
- h. 36 Draper Avenue 4/18- Schaefer- Foundation is in.
- i. 96 Jason Street - 5/18- Schaefer- Almost complete.
- j. 32 Kensington Road -5/18- Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- k. Old Schwamb Mill 6/18-Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- l. 81 Hillside Avenue- 9/18-Stange- Nothing to report.

It was determined at this meeting that the work is complete at 99 Claremont Avenue.

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings)- A CPA grant is proposed for the cottage.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson –No report.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers: Jenny Raitt has requested a house marker for the Jefferson Cutter House.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – No report.

7. Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm Hearing for 38-40 Newcomb Street (NOTE: Cancelled at the request of the applicants.)

8:08pm Informal Discussion with Mike Collins, contractor and Bob Annese regarding plans for 17 Brantwood Road. The proposal is to demolish the existing house and to build a new structure that fits the neighborhood and National register district. Designs and photos were shared. Mr. Annese reported that the new building would not require special permitting as they are staying within the current foundation. When looking at the existing property, the first step for the Commission will be to determine if the current house should be preserved. Ms. Robinson will provide standards for design to Mr. Annese. Closed at 8:27pm.

8:30pm New Sign Hearing for 474 Massachusetts Avenue for the future U Sushi Café. Pamela Meister moved to accept sign as presented. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. Hearing closed at 8:32pm.

8:40pm Informal Hearing with Ron Buck for 21 Teel Street. Looking for Inventory sheet and links to suggested requirements. Ms. Robinson will provide these documents.

Old Business:

New Business: Discussion held regarding houses being added to the Inventory. How can these be added to the webpage? Mr. Stange will look into this.

The Commission reviewed a draft letter to inform residents that their house is now on the Inventory, that will be sent out by the Planning Department.

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The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:06pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be December 4, 2018 at 7:45pm.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.